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MEMORANDUM FOR: Contracting Officer
Intelligence Requirements Officer

SUBJECT: USAF Requirements for Photography

REFERENCES: a- Memorandum from Mr. Reber to Director of
Operations (SAPC 6788)
b- Memorandum from [REDACTED] to Project
Director (SAPC 6977)

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1. I note from reference b. that the requirements now stated by the Air Force for a duplicate positive or duplicate negative and a print of every usable frame of photography together with a duplicate positive and full set of prints of all three inch photography will give rise to certain difficulties for us. Naturally our general policy should be to try to meet the requirements of the Air Force as well as we can, explaining to them any special difficulties or costs to which their requests will give rise. Accordingly, it is my understanding and recollection the Air Force advised us some time ago that they would want two copies of all usable material from the larger cameras. Accordingly, the major requirement referred to above is unexpected only in that the Air Force is now asking that one of these copies be in the form of prints and only one of them in the form of transparency. I have no recollection of any previously stated requirement for the output of the tracking camera so this may be a new request. I suggest these matters be handled as follows:

2. With respect to the request for one copy in the form of prints, I believe we should first obtain an estimate of the additional cost of meeting this request over and above the cost of furnishing a second duplicate positive or negative. The estimate of additional cost should, of course, include any capital costs that might be needed for an additional printer. These estimates should take into account the possibility of furnishing the prints in continuous roles and leaving it to the customer to cut these up into frames. If these estimates show a sizeable cost, the Intelligence Requirements Officer might well point this out to representatives of AFOIN and see whether the Air Force could not make its own prints at a lesser cost to the Government, and, of course, without breach of security. If they still wish to receive one of the copies in the form of prints at a sizeable extra cost, we will have to decide whether to ask the Air Force to assume at least this added expense.

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3. With respect to the tracking camera film, we should certainly agree (as I assume you already have) to furnish accurate mission plots from the Agency's Interpretation Center and we should discourage the Air Force from replotting the missions since it has been agreed for some time that the preparation of accurate plots is a service of common concern to be performed for all users of AQUATONE material in the Agency's Center. On the other hand, the three inch film might well have intelligence value to the Air Force and I believe we should agree to supply copies provided the making of copies does not interfere with other more important activities and the copies are not too costly. My own impression is that we could arrange to have Eastman prepare a duplicate positive of all three inch film without great difficulty, but that the one turnaround printer may not have the capacity to turn out two sets of prints of every role of three inch film. If this surmise is correct, the Intelligence Requirements Officer should advise AFOIN: (a) that turnaround-prints either cannot be provided at all or can be provided only when capacity is available, and (b) that a duplicate positive can be provided at a specified cost to the Government. If the duplicate positive is wanted and will be costly, we will have to consider asking the Air Force to bear the cost.

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